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Minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs Meeting

April 7, 2026
10:00 am
2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh,
on whose land we live, work, and play.

PRESENT: **Councillor Garth Frizzell <Chair>**
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Kyle Sampson <Zoom>

IN ATTENDANCE: **Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services <10:11 a.m. to 11:00 a.m..>**
Annie Doran, Senior Advisor of Intergovernmental Relations
Ethan Anderson, Corporate Officer/Manager of Legislative Services
Elisha Leclair, Information & Records Coordinator <10:00 a.m. to 10:41 a.m.>

A. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the agenda for the April 7, 2026 Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs meeting be amended by adding one new item of correspondence as agenda item E.2, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs Meeting held March 3, 2026

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs meeting held March 3, 2026 be adopted as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all the business before the committee at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by the committee at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 2026 UBCM Resolutions

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs REFERS agenda item D.1 to the next committee meeting.

Carried Unanimously

D.2 Changes to Northern-Rural Home Owners Grant

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DIRECTS Administration to write a resolution for inclusion on the next Council meeting agenda strongly urging the Provincial Government to reverse and explain their decision on reducing the Homeowner's grant.

Carried Unanimously

Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services, entered the 2nd Floor Conference room at 10:11 a.m.

D.3 Consideration of Advocacy Opportunities Surrounding Fentanyl and Drug-related Deaths

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DIRECTS Administration to liaise with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to get feedback on the following advocacy issues:

1. To investigate all sudden deaths from suspected substance poisonings;
2. To access STAT toxicology reports from coroner;
3. To purchase Fourier Transform Infared (FTIR) machines to test substances on deceased person(s); and
4. Coroner reports classification of death from substance uses to be listed as "Homicide" and not "Accidental" death.

Carried Unanimously

D.4 Provincial Budget 2027 Consultation

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 24, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs titled "Provincial Budget 2027 Consultation".

Carried Unanimously

D.5 Resolution Tracker Updates - March 2026

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 23, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "Resolution Tracker Updates – March 2026".

Carried Unanimously

D.6 Update on Human Trafficking Prevention Network

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 23, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "Update on Human Trafficking Prevention Network".

Carried Unanimously

D.7 Update on Strong Cities Network

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 23, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "Update on Strong Cities Network".

Carried Unanimously

D.8 Updates to the Committee Work Plan

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 23, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "Update to the Committee Work Plan".

Carried Unanimously

E. CORRESPONDENCE

E.1 Correspondence dated March 10, 2026 from the Association Advocating for Women and Community (AWAC) regarding creating safer streets and a stronger community for everyone

E.2 Correspondence dated April 1, 2026 from Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst with the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs ALIGNS their motion to North Central Local Government Association AGM titled "Review and Repeal of the Closure Allowance for Major Industrial and Electrical Properties" with the Fraser Lake and Bulkley-Nechako Regional District's motion titled "Amending the Depreciation of Industrial and Electrical Power Generating Facility Improvements Regulation", as described in the correspondence dated April 1, 2026 from Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, Union of BC Municipalities.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs meeting BE CLOSED to the public to permit discussion of items relating to:

- information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; pursuant to subsection 90(1)(j) of the Community Charter.

Carried Unanimously

Elisha Leclair, Information and Records Coordinator, exited the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 10:41 a.m.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 10:41 A.M.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair

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